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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1937

6.30 O'CLOCK



GEO. J. RITCHIE  
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## Foreword

IN presenting this Programme in commemoration of our Fiftieth Anniversary, we particularly desire to render tribute of praise to the courage and vision of those who are now known as the Club's founders - truly, "They builded better than they knew."

That a small band of determined men, given true leadership, can overcome difficulties that seem insurmountable, is amply manifest in the annals of the Thistle Curling Club.

While from a small but enthusiastic beginning it has for fifty years gone from strength to strength, it may yet be said that it is as robust and vigorous to-day as ever before, and meets the challenge of the next and following half-centuries with hope, with courage and with confidence.

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## HISTORICAL SKETCH

THE earliest record of the organization of the Thistle Curling Club was found in the files of the *Free Press* dated Thursday, November 3, 1887: This reads: "Some of the old curlers are talking of forming a new club and remaining at the old Granite Curling rink on Market Street. If formed the club will probably bear the name of the Thistle."

In the *Free Press* on Friday, November 11th, of the same year, is the following: "A large number of old curlers met in the *Sun* office last night to form a new curling club. Dr. Dalgleish occupied the chair and Mr. Sugden acted as secretary. A list of members was opened and over thirty-five handed in. The following officers were elected: President, Alex. Brown; first vice-president, A. McNee; second vice-president, James Chisholm; secretary-treasurer, John Pitblado. Management committee: Alex. Black, Dr. Dalgleish, John McKechnie, Dr. Gillies, J. McDiarmid, L. Erb, A. Monkman.

So it would appear that the official birth date of the Thistle Curling Club is 10 November, 1887.

The reason for the formation of the club is also contained in old *Free Press* files. October 27, 1887, it is stated: "The adjourned annual meeting of the Granite club was held last night. The managing committee recommended the acceptance of the offer to take the Royal rink behind the McIntyre

block for a period of five months at a cost of \$200.00. The membership fee was fixed at \$10.00." Some Granite members who had been playing at the Market street rink decided to stay on, rather than move over with the Granites to the Royal rink, and so the Thistle was born.

The Market street rink mentioned herein was located just east of the present Marshall-Wells building. It was a six-sheet rink, three sheets on each side of a centre platform. One end of the building was built up on piles, which added nothing to the comfort of players, or the temper of the icemaker. There were skylights on each side of the roof, and at night the building was lighted with gas. Curling clubs did not own their own buildings in those days, but rented any building which might be available. Previous to this time curlers used a tent one winter, located on Lombard street about where the Grain Exchange building now stands.

A Thistle Curling Club without a Dr. Jamieson and a Jimmy Keedian would be unthinkable. Yes, Dr. C. J. Jamieson played in the first game the Thistles, as a club, ever engaged in.

Dr. Jamieson celebrates with the Thistle club fifty years of continuous membership. Jimmy Keedian was the first icemaker, or more properly speaking, he made the ice the first year. Jimmy was more than an icemaker. He was counsellor, guide and friend

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to many generations of Thistle curlers. With annual fees set at \$5.00, the treasury was not in a robust condition the end of the first season, and there was no money for the icemaker. But that was all right with Jimmy. He was back the next season and as he states, "the Thistles have made it up to me many, many times since then."

The records do not show the date the Thistles actually played their first game of curling, but the rink was formally opened on December 1st, 1887, with a match between the president and vice-president. The vice-president's rink was victorious with a score of 15-9. Then a week after the Thistle club received its first trophy for competition, which was presented by Ald. Black. The conditions were that every rink had to play every other rink. Members of the rink winning the most games had to play points for possession of the cup for the year.

The first inter-club match play by the club appears to have been on January 5, 1888. On this date three Thistle rinks went out to Stonewall and played fifteen ends and incidentally took the short end of a 56-31 score. Games with the Granite club had been talked of, but the first one seems to have been played on January 24, between McKechnie (Thistle) and Fortune (Granite). The next day a return match was played. Ten Manitoba rinks journeyed to the St. Paul bonspiel the end of January, of which three were Thistle rinks, and J. McKechnie of the Thistle Club carried off the trophy, "having the largest majority over his opponent of any skip of the winning clubs." So J. McKechnie is the first of a long line of Thistle bonspiel winners.

From the St. Paul *Dispatch*: "The general opinion seems to be that one of the Winnipeg rinks will carry away the prize. One of the curlers, speaking of the Winnipeg rinks, said: 'Why, those Winnipeg fellows sleep on the ice, and if they don't win it is their own fault.'" A win and a loss against the Granites in the Mark Fortune trophy towards the end of March, and the first year of curling for the Thistle Club was completed.

The next season, 1887-88, the Thistle Curling Club leased the Brydon skating rink, located on the west side of Princess street between Alexander and Pacific. During this season the club seemed to prosper in curling activities and in membership. A young man from Ontario by the name of Malcolm Campbell joined the club and started to curl. He remained in the game to become its most dearly beloved and highly respected exponent, a delight to his contemporaries and an inspiration to following generations.

The club moved back to the Market street rink for a short time; then moved into their own new building on Alexander street east. It was not a pretentious building, but it was their home. In it was achieved fame and glory, and an undying club spirit was engendered into Thistle members which never left them, and never will. The old building was a hotbed of curling stalwarts. The peerless Bob Dunbar; Mac Braden with the Wood boys and Jimmy Congalton; combinations like Alex. Douglass skipping Jack Kress, Mac Campbell and N. C. Fort; Bill Carson, Mac Rochon, and later on the novelty of a "kid" rink, which Frank Cassidy developed. Freddie Barnes, Billy Finlay, Eddie McKittrick and Frank Cassidy came as near to a perfect bonspiel record in 1910 as any rink ever will perhaps. Only a few names can be mentioned here of as glorious a band of curlers as ever assembled in one club, as records contained elsewhere in this book will testify. They played the game hard in the old Alexander avenue rink. The O'Grady challenge trophy was defended successfully for two seasons, a record. It was considered a disgrace to lose a game to the Granites in the district primaries. Still the social and fraternal side of the game was by no means lost sight of. The Thistles went all out to win, but were good hosts after the games were over, and contributed fully to the success of the game in the community and the province.

In 1912-13 the happy home on Alexander was abandoned for the fine new building on McDonald avenue. It was a period of expansion, and in some cases over-expansion, and the scheme of the new seven-sheet rink proved to be too ambitious. The enthusiasts behind the scheme should perhaps be commended for their energy and enterprise, rather than condemned for the undertaking. None could foresee that in a few months our lives would be transformed by the greatest war in history. The new building proved to be too big an undertaking in those uncertain times, and several dark years were in store for Thistle members. During 1918-19 and 1919-20 the club was kept together, ice being rented in the old Auditorium rink on York



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Minto street was erected in time for curling at the opening of the season. Since then the club has prospered. The fully equipped and comfortable rink building is owned by the members without encumbrances. The Thistles are happy in their own home, govern themselves efficiently, and contribute fully to the welfare of the game generally in the city and in the province. They have been enriched by traditions of past fame and glory, and tempered by the winds of adversity. The path ahead looks smooth and certain. They can look backward for fifty years with more pleasure than pain, and can look ahead with confidence and security.



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ROBT. JACOB

As President of the Manitoba Curling Association, I am glad to have the opportunity, on behalf of the Association, of extending to the officers and members of the Thistle Curling Club heartiest congratulations on this their Fiftieth Anniversary.

The Thistle Curling Club is just a little older than the Manitoba Curling Association. In fact it was one of the seven clubs that met on December 6th, 1888, in the Granite Rink and organized the Manitoba Curling Association. The Thistle Curling Club helped to lay the foundations of our Provincial Association, the fiftieth anniversary of which we celebrate next year, and since that time down through the years it has been one of its staunchest supporters.

During the fifty years of its existence the Thistle Club has had many bright days, and also some dark ones, and it is deserving of much commendation for its unbounded courage and faith at the time it had to give up its new home which had been built a few years before the War broke out and which, by reason of the War, proved too great a burden and had to be given up. Without a home the Club did not disband but laid plans for a new rink, and a fresh start was made with the result that the Club is now housed in very comfortable quarters where all the traditions of the past are still maintained.

Just glance down through the years of its existence and note the names of renowned curlers that have been associated with its club. Bob Dunbar, Mac Braden, Bill Carson (one of the most colorful players of the years that are past), Alex. Douglas, Dougald McArthur, Mac Rochon, Malcolm Campbell and Walter Payne; and then to mention a few of the younger men who learned to curl at this club and who afterwards became renowned exponents of the game, Frank Cassidy, Eddie McKittrick, Billy Finlay, Freddie Barnes, Andy and Bruce Russell, and many others.

To the Thistle Curling Club the Manitoba Curling Association says, All hail to you on this your Fiftieth Anniversary. We

extend our thanks and appreciation for your staunch and loyal support to our Association, always so freely and generously given; and we express the hope that your prosperity may continue and that you may still carry on the good work so nobly done in the past of preserving and maintaining the splendid traditions of the grand old game.

ROBERT JACOB,  
*President, Manitoba Curling Association.*

Greetings to the Thistle Curling Club by the officers and members of the Dominion Curling Association on the occasion of its celebration of fifty years as one of the outstanding curling clubs of Manitoba and Western Canada. The Dominion Curling Association extends to you and your officers and members hearty congratulations on the completion of fifty years of curling history. "The Thistle," as you are known as, during all that time has been recognized as the home of good curlers and good sports. Wherever curling is discussed, "The Thistle" is bound to be mentioned and names like Dunbar, Payne, Ellerby, Jamieson, Campbell, Carson, Braden, Cassidy and Rochon, amongst the old-timers, recalled with kindly feeling.

As President of the Dominion Curling Association I am particularly happy to join with many other curlers throughout Canada in wishing you many more years of progress and success and may your contribution in the next fifty years be as great as it has been in the last



JOHN T. HAIG

fifty. It is a happy coincidence that your celebration takes place the year of the visit of the curlers from the Old Land.

May you, Mr. President, and all your officers and members accept the best wishes of the officers and members of the Dominion Curling Association for a happy and rousing celebration and plenty of good games and fellowship in the years to come.

Again on behalf of the Dominion Curling Association I congratulate you on your success on and off the ice during the past fifty years and wish you every success in the years to come.

JOHN T. HAIG,  
*President, Dominion Curling Association.*

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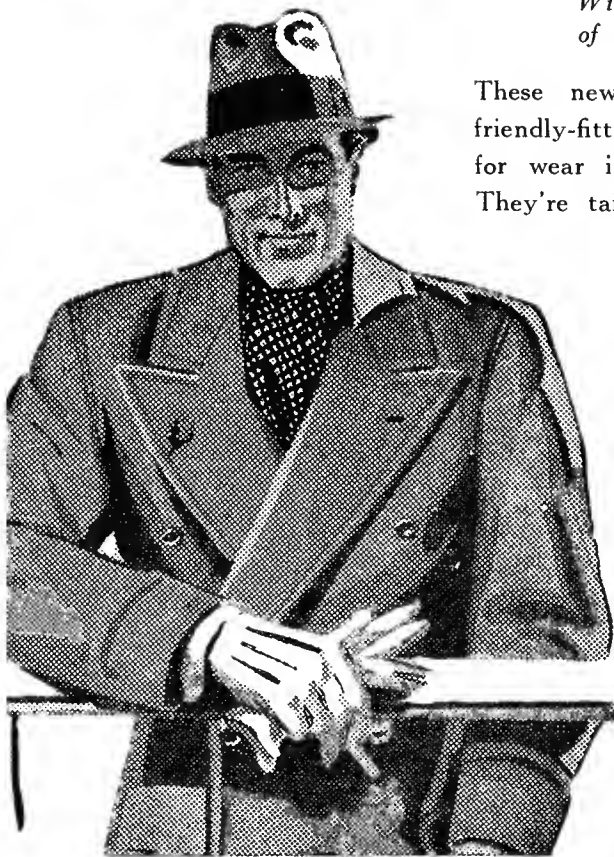
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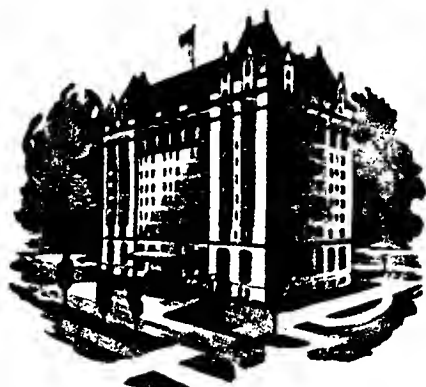
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## AN OLD-TIMER WRITES—

TO introduce a lighter vein to this programme, the compilers called on an Alexander Avenue Old-Timer to relate the outstanding humorous incidents he had experienced during his association with the Thistle Club. The Old-Timer felt this was too tall an order, and told the compilers to be a little more specific. He was then asked to tell of

1. The most comical incident on the ice.
2. The most humorous incident at a Thistle Curling banquet.
3. The best (printable) story at an Association banquet.

And, in the words of the old-time song, "this is what he said":

### ON THE ICE

Charlie Huffman, of ever blessed memory, (dubbed "der Kaiser" by Bill Carson) was a real "A" class skip whose outward urbanity somewhat belied the martinet on curling decorum. One year (don't ask me when; it hurts!), Charlie's rink had bust up. It was an era of swift changes; city streets were full of strangers, and as one's intimate friends possessed the same wander-lust, it was not surprising that Charlie should awake one fine morning to find his rink had departed for parts unknown—probably an unnamed Townsite with "limitless" possibilities—therefore it was up to Charlie to "build a new rink." Luck, or so it seemed, befell Charlie, for three bank clerks had just joined the Club and were prepared to accept his leadership. Charlie at first demurred at the kid-glove gang, but as the opening games approached bowed to the inevitable. Now it so happened that on the first day of Club competition the banks were not very busy and Charlie's rink repaired to the "Mariaggi" shortly after three o'clock to fortify themselves for the evening's encounter.

They became "overtrained" and Charlie, having a nose and eyes, knew it, yet in spite of handicaps won his game. But his enthusiasm for his new rink was not very warm; in fact it was good and cold. On the night of the second game the rink, conscious of its shortcomings in the first game, pledged absolute loyalty to the skip, and showed up without so much as a "smell of a cork," determined to show Charlie "He'd got something." The game was drawn on No. 1 sheet on the south side of the Alexander Ave. rink. In the first end Charlie built up a very nice house, and asked his third man for a quiet,

long guard with his last rock. The rock, neatly delivered, was sailing along nicely, but Charlie, feeling it was a little slow, yelled "Sweep!" Now, old curlers will recall that No. 1 sheet was flanked by a long bench, on which reposed the members' curling boxes. On this fateful evening some member (may he be forgiven) had left his box sticking out endways. When Charlie yelled "sweep," his men dug in manfully. But alack, one sweeper had not observed that menacing box, and as he swept and step-danced along the ice the box caught him off-balance in that part of his anatomy designed for other purposes, with the result that he nose-dived (an expression not then coined) on the rock and sent it to the scantling. Charlie, his eyes rivetted on the rock, had not taken in these details. Slamming his broom on the ice, he let out a mighty roar, "D—n these blankety-blank bank clerks! Pickled every time they come on the ice!"

### AT A THISTLE BANQUET

It was a Thistle banquet "at a place on Main Street" more than twenty-five years ago. Bill Carson introduced young Johnny Haig, representing the "Baby Club"—Strathcona-Free Press. Some of those present thought Johnny might develop into a speaker and curler; but alas, he has entered the Senate, taken up bowling and is called "John T."

Scotch was a dollar or less a bottle, meals were heavy and speeches were long. One member who had partaken of more than his dollar's worth had ensconced himself in a large leather upholstered chair away from the table and was annoyed from time to time by the rounds of applause which disturbed his slumbers. As the speeches continued his protests grew louder and, irrespective of what was going on, he registered them at regular intervals in the following manner:

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Silence 30 seconds.

Opens right eye and shouts, "Boloney!" (or its equivalent in those days).

Silence 30 seconds.

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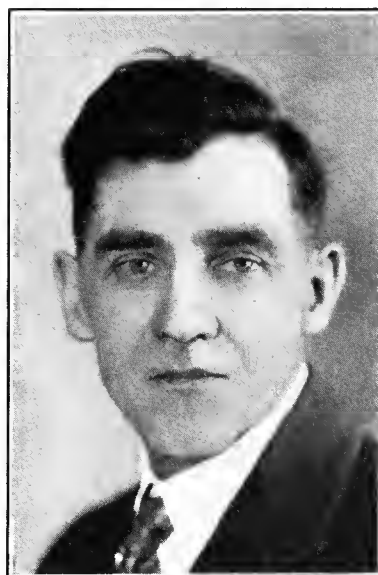


Bonspiel. If the room was large enough to hold the crowd, those on the outer fringes were seated so far from the head table that they could not hear the speakers, and as a result would talk among themselves and make it difficult to maintain order. Knowing these disadvantages, my admiration went out to any speaker who could hold the floor with a story. There are lots of them; particularly one by the late Hon. Dr. Montague of a newly appointed backwoods magistrate, who, unexpectedly called upon to perform a marriage ceremony, and having no form of service before him, culled certain clauses from mortgages, agreements, wills and so on, and pronounced the couple man and wife, with the concluding sentence, "and may the Lord have mercy on your souls."

The most successful story-teller in my experience, however, was a gentleman from Saskatoon, who told the following: Sandy was the skip and Donald the lead. Sandy was a good skip, but he had the disheartening faculty of never being quite satisfied with whatever happened. He would say, "Donald, I'd like you to come down and bite the front ring." Donald would play his rock carefully and just bite the front ring. Whereupon Sandy would say, "Fine, Donald; fine, lad; but I wish you'd just swung over about a couple of inches." Or, he would say, "Donald, I'd like you to raise this rock into the four-foot ring." Donald would perform perfectly, but Sandy would say, "Well played, Donald; but if you'd only come an ounce heavier, you'd have raised the rock to this tough spot."

After a hard day in the bonspiel, Donald dropped off to sleep that night with Sandy's little grumbles still ringing in his ears. He dreamed he landed safely in Heaven, and as he paced the golden streets congratulating himself on his wonderful luck, he observed a very ornate Palace far exceeding in splendour all the other buildings. He enquired of a passerby, and was informed that this building was set aside for very honoured and privileged persons, some of whom were permitted to wear a crown. Donald learned he could pass through the Palace, but would not be allowed to stay. He entered the building, and the first person he saw was his old skip, Sandy, seated on a magnificent pedestal and wearing a crown. Gone were all Donald's complaints against his skip, and he rushed up to Sandy, shook him warmly by the hand and said, "Sandy! Sandy! It does my heart good to see ye, and wearing a beautiful croon." Sandy slowly took the crown off his head, looked at it for a second or two and replied, "Aye! Isn't it a h—l of a thing?"

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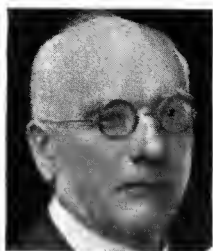
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Malcolm loved a good tight game of curling against tough opposition. The result was not important; he was delighted if he won, and the opposition always seemed to share his delight; he was delightful if he lost, and everybody liked to play with or against him.

He would dearly love to be with us on our Anniversary, but his health makes this impossible. However, he sends his most hearty greetings and wishes the Club continued success in the years that lie ahead of us.



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## THE ORPHANS

There have been many high lights in the history of the Thistle Curling Club, but perhaps the brightest spot of all was in the season of 1920-1921, when the Club, without a home and without curling privileges, maintained its existence and took a creditable position in the annual bonspiel of 1921, when the Ellerby rink won 12 straight games before defeat.

Some seventeen members, forming four rinks, entered the single and double rinks, district primaries, and were successful in winning their games against the St. Johns and Heather Clubs and the right to compete in the Jerry Robinson and Dominion Match Company events.

The president of the Club at the time was J. F. Davidson, and the secretary, R. L. Barker.

The following comprised the membership and shows the rinks as constituted:

1—W. E. Ellerby (skip), F. Cassin, A. W. Scott, R. L. Ritchie.

2—E. H. Cail (skip), R. Atkinson, N. Sullivan, Thos. Harland.

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2. Come not upon the ice with the old house broom. Thou canst not quicken the pace of a dying rock with last year's broom.

3. Thou shalt learn thy turns both the out and the in, for the skip will not hold him guiltless who throweth the wrong turn.

4. Plan not a running shot when thou art asked for a guard, lest thee raise thine own shot, so sending thy skip up in the air; such play getteth his goat, queereth his game, causeth him to swallow his tobacco and revile thee openly.

5. Thou shall harken diligently to the defeated skip when his voice is lifted up in lamentation against the punk ice, and thou shalt not turn thy face from him when he blameth his third man. Even so shalt thou secure a listener against the day of thine own defeat.

6. Thou shalt not strew straws off thy broom in the path of thine own or thine adversary's rock, neither shalt thou expectorate in front of them causing them to halt in their course and to die suddenly and become pork, and as pork is an abomination to the Jew, so is a hog an abomination in the eyes of a skip.

7. Thou shalt have no discourse with thine

adversary while his foot is in the hack and his hand is on the rock, but if thou wilt, thou canst pray for him.

8. Thou shalt not push or kick a rock into the house from behind stealthily, for the opposing skip will know of a surety and his anger will be kindled against thee and he will rise up in righteous indignation against thee and smite thee even with the edge of the broom handle and thrust thee hence from the sight of the curlers, and the days of thy curling shall be ended, for this is an unpardonable sin.

9. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's rocks, nor his new broom, nor his lead player, neither shall thou filch from him his third man, who is his mainstay and a wall of defence in the day of battle.

10. And when thou comest to the last end and at last won the game, and hast still one rock to play, and then played with great deliberation and thy rock gambols playfully down the ice, sailing jauntily around the guard and through the port and wicked thine adversary's rock into the house, so that it counts him the end and the game and thou cometh down the ice with fear and trembling and art hailed by the enemy as a good sport and a curler, and by thine own side with groans and murmurings, and thou hast peddled the game away, thou shalt receive the proffered hand of thine adversary with a smile even though thee may wish it were his neck.—*Manitolin Expositor*.

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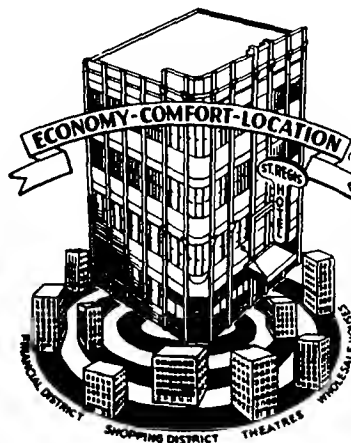
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Dec. 18—Thistle 28, Civic 27.
- 1909, Jan. 18—Thistle 28, Granite 15.  
Jan. 28—Thistle 28, Civic 21.  
Feb. 4—Thistle 35, Strathcona 19.  
Feb. 8—Thistle 27, Fort William 20.  
Feb. 24—Granite 28, Thistle 25.
- 1911, Feb. 2—Glenboro 27, Thistle 20.
- 1912, Mar. 5—Thistle 26, Granite 25.  
Mar. 12—Thistle 29, Minnedosa 24.
- 1913, Jan. 4—Thistle 31, Strathcona 25.  
Jan. 11—Thistle 31, St. Johns 14.  
Jan. 18—Thistle 37, Assiniboine 16.  
Jan. 25—Thistle 29, Civic 17.  
Feb. 27—Thistle 25, Minnedosa 24.  
Mar. 6—Thistle 32, Granite 26.  
Mar. 14—Thistle 30, Portage la Prairie 16.  
Mar. 19—Thistle 32, Oak Lake 20.  
Mar. 27—Thistle 27, Union Terminal 17.
- 1914, Jan. 9—Thistle 22, Carman 17.  
Jan. 17—Thistle 27, Elmwood 26.  
Jan. 29—Thistle 34, Portage la Prairie 16.  
Mar. 7—Thistle 39, Union Terminals 10.  
Mar. 18—Thistle 21, Strathcona 15.  
Mar. 26—Thistle 22, Granite 14.  
Dec. 18—Thistle 31, Glenboro 20.  
Dec. 23—Thistle 24, Strathcona 23.  
Dec. 30—Thistle 44, Assiniboine 12.
- 1915, Jan. 7—St. Johns 29, Thistle 27.
- 1917, Jan. 5—Thistle 24, Strathcona 20.  
Jan. 12—Thistle 25, Union Terminal 19.  
Jan. 19—Thistle 32, Carman 12.  
Jan. 26—Thistle 25, Assiniboine 22.  
Feb. 23—Granite 25, Thistle 19.
- 1918, Jan. 15—Terminal 31, Thistle 23.  
Dec. 27—Thistle 37, Civic 23.
- 1919, Jan. 3—Thistle 40, Terminal 24.  
Jan. 10—Thistle 38, Heather 20.  
Jan. 17—Thistle 28, Dauphin 19.  
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- 1923, Jan. 5—Glenboro 23, Thistle 18.
- 1924, Dec. 26—Strathcona 23, Thistle 18.
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- 1935, Dec. 29—Gladstone 30, Thistle 24.

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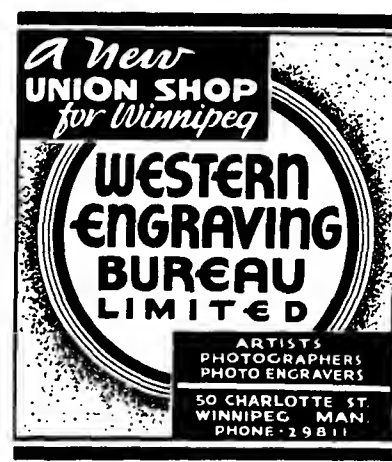
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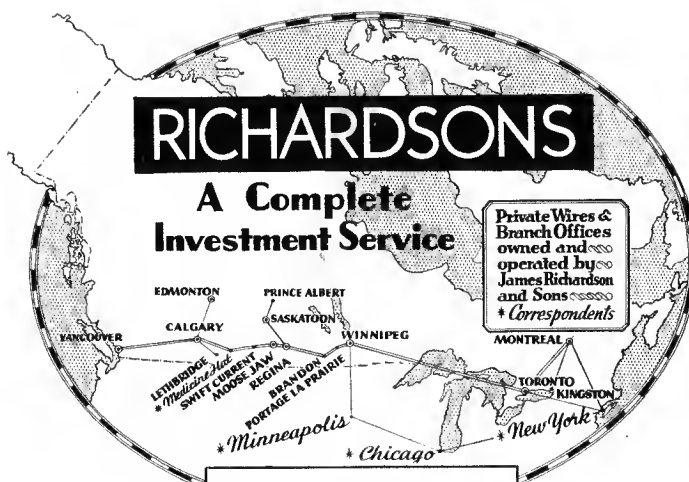
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